

## Lomita Couple Held To Answer

Lomita residents, Mr. and Mrs. John Cavanaugh, who assertedly abandoned their three small children last Oct. 24 to seek employment in Texas, were held to answer Tuesday in Superior Court on charges of child abandonment.

They were arrested in El Paso, Tex., two days after they left their children with Mrs. Cavanaugh's mother, Mrs. M. G. Bagley of Lomita.

Mrs. Cavanaugh was freed on \$1000 bail while her husband is being held in custody.

## Torrance Airport To Be On New Helicopter Mail, Express Route

(Continued from Page 1-A) given the service its approval, and it is hoped that the direct air mail service from Torrance will be undertaken this summer. Locally, it was pointed out, the helicopter mail service to Mines field will provide another inducement for Southwest Torrance postal service to be routed through Torrance postoffice instead of through Redondo Beach, Lomita and the Waveria post-offices.

After the experimental work is completed and "kinks" work-

ed out of the routes, the helicopter will begin carrying passengers as well as mail and air express, thus providing Torrance with immediate contact with major air lines for flights throughout the world.

Ray pointed out that the Los Angeles area is the largest built-up area in the world, which makes it an ideal place to establish the first experimental or "pilot" helicopter service. With the continued growth of Los Angeles and the continued increase in the congestion of ground transportation, the possibility of getting busses off the ground and above the crowded streets and traffic lights will become more and more advantageous. It is not expected that the helicopter will be able to compete with the airplane as a transport vehicle over long distances, but as a means of furnishing service between parts of a large city it has no competition.

Southwest Airways filed an application with the Civil Aeronautics Board for franchise to operate routes in the Los Angeles area as early as May of 1943, but a hearing has not been scheduled because suitable helicopter aircraft were not available during the war. However, Sikorsky Aircraft has announced recently that the commercial version of its R-5 helicopter built for military purposes during the war will be available in the summer of 1946. A hearing on its application has been requested by the company and a hearing date is expected soon.

The application proposes service to some 49 Post Offices in the area, including the terminal annex building in downtown Los Angeles. Mail and express will be flown between the Post Offices and the airline terminal which is scheduled to move from Burbank to the Los Angeles Municipal Airport next summer. When a plane load of mail arrives at the air terminal, helicopters will distribute it directly to such Post Offices as Torrance, Pasadena, Glendale, Huntington Park, and others.

Also the outgoing mail from these Post Offices will be collected and flown directly to the air terminal to connect with outgoing trunk airline schedules. When the flying busses are available, the passenger service may be established on somewhat different routes, because there will be need for direct service between all parts of the built-up area. Passengers from Pasadena, as an example, will want to fly to Santa Monica, Long Beach, or other places on the opposite side of the built-up area, whereas there is no immediate need to fly mail between these points.

Though helicopters can operate from roof tops of sufficient size, not many of the Post Offices have roofs that will be suitable. A study is being made of the terminal annex building roof and if its structure is strong enough it probably can be used. A landing site will be needed at each of the other points to be served. This "helicopter port" should be as close to the Post Office as possible but the convenience of passengers also should be kept in mind in its selection.

It was indicated that the securing of an operating franchise may take six or eight months and inauguration of service could be expected late in 1948. Congrats have been held with Mr. Michael Fleming, Postmaster of the Los Angeles Post Office, and with Mr. A. O. Wiloughby, Superintendent of Air Mail. Further conferences will be arranged soon with the Postmasters and City and Chamber of Commerce officials of the nearby towns that have been included in the application. An outline of Southwest's proposal has been sent to Mayor Fletcher Bowron and a presentation will be made to the Los Angeles County officials and its Planning Commission soon.

**DAUGHTER BORN**  
The Rev. and Mrs. Paul Moore Wheeler were accepting congratulations from their many friends on the birth of a daughter, Francine Patricia, in the Hospital of the Good Samaritan, Los Angeles, yesterday at 1:38 a.m. The child weighed 8 pounds, 2½ ounces, and is the couple's first. The Rev. Mr. Wheeler, rector of St. Andrew's church, said that both the mother and child are doing nicely.

## Swayne Johnson Returns To City Police Dept.

Swayne Johnson has been reinstated as a member of the Torrance police department after serving in the United States Navy for several years during World War II. Notice of his reinstatement was handed to the City Council Tuesday night by Chief of Police John Stroth.

L. Benton was hired as a war emergency patrolman, on request of the chief of police.

Two other city employees who have returned from war time leave were reinstated. They are L. Crowther and Claude Barton, both in the Bus department.

## St. Andrew's Annual Parish Meeting Held

The annual meeting of the congregation of St. Andrew's Protestant Episcopal church was held following the morning service of worship Sunday, Jan. 6. The meeting was presided by a lunch served by St. Cecilia's Guild, with the guild president, Mrs. Fan Wilkes, in charge.

Due to the illness of the senior warden, Wallace Post, the rector of the parish presided over the meeting.

Reports from all organizations were presented. All showed growth in membership, activities and financial support of both missionary projects and parish programs.

Mrs. Gracemary Rhone reported for St. Cecilia's Guild, Mrs. Alva Dalton for the Woman's Auxiliary, Mrs. Erma Carstens for the Altar Guild, Miss Amy Bourquin for the Gardena Episcopal Guild, Fred Carstens for the Young Churchman's League, the rector for the church school.

Reports were also presented for the church sponsored organizations of Boy Scout Troop 241, Troops 74 and 416, and Girl Scout Troops 74 and 416.

This year's honorable mention for outstanding contribution to the parish went to the following: Walter Silence, sexton; Mrs. Erma Carstens, Altar Guild; Mrs. Carl Lane and Charles Eade for music and Jack Miller and Frank Church for work on the new parish house.

St. Andrew's church during 1945 enlarged its parish house into a modern stucco and plaster building. A new sacristy was added to the church building proper.

Election to the important church positions were: To serve a three-year term as vestrymen,

## Victory Clothing Collection Drive Under Way; R. J. Menmuir Chairman

Torrance's campaign to provide garments for overseas relief is getting under way, with the Rev. Ronald J. Menmuir, pastor of First Christian Church, as chairman.

The Torrance Victory Clothing Collection will be a part of the United National Clothing Collection's drive in behalf of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, according to the Rev. Mr. Menmuir.

The drive, now in progress, continues until Jan. 31, he said,

and the following collection points have been established: Schultz & Peckham, the Safeway store, the Red Cross headquarters, Central Evangelical Guild Hall, the Torrance Theatre and the Grand Theatre.

"Once more American people will have an opportunity to give direct, personal assistance to needy and destitute people in countries which have been devastated by war," the Rev. Mr. Menmuir said. "Even the magnificent results for the April clothing collection drive, when American people contributed enough garments to clothe 25,000,000 men, women and children in war devastated countries, were not sufficient to meet war relief needs. We must not forget the others."

"One hundred million garments, in addition to bedding and shoes will be needed. Coats, suits, trousers, skirts, dresses, shirts, sweaters, knitwear, underwear, pajamas, night gowns, for men, women, children and infants. Shoes, blankets, beddings, piece goods, remnants, draperies.

"Take the cast off or spare garments which you have to one of the above collection agencies.

Also write a letter, a friendly message, to go with your package. It too will go overseas as a part of this great, international goodwill program."

## Assessment Figures From Two Sources

In an effort to reinstate efforts to secure a water district for North Torrance, Councilman N. H. Cucco, Tuesday night asked the City Council to request the Associated Assessment Engineers to get from the county assessors office the official figures on the tax values of land, industrial and agriculture, north of Municipal Improvement District No. 1.

Informed by R. I. Plomert, Jr., tax assessor for General Petroleum Corp. that the only way to get the official figures is to get them direct from the assessor, Cucco said the city hired the assessment engineers to get official figures and he wanted them from that firm.

Cucco's request prevailed, and thereupon Councilman J. E. Hitchcock offered a motion that City Clerk A. H. Bartlett secure the tax values of land on the same area from the county assessor.

"We'll see if there is any variation," he said. His motion likewise carried.

## FROM DESERT RESORT

Dr. and Mrs. John W. Beeman and children Jackie and Janet, and Mr. and Mrs. F. Harwood Clark and daughter have returned from a week's sojourn at Palm Springs.

Jack Miller, Bert Toews, Walter Smith and William MacFaden; delegates to the Diocesan convention, Frank Church, William MacFaden and Burleigh Rice; delegates to the convocation of Long Beach, Herman Mitchell, Charles Stewart, John Shilder, Elsie Church and Marjory Lane; parish treasurer, Burleigh L. Rice and clerk of the vestry, Charles Eade.

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Condensed Statement of Condition December 31, 1945

RESOURCES	
Cash in Vault and in Federal Reserve Bank	\$ 675,747,941.28
Due from Banks	328,846,225.31
<b>TOTAL CASH</b>	<b>\$1,004,594,166.57</b>
United States Government Obligations, direct and fully guaranteed	3,135,746,035.32
State, County, and Municipal Bonds	276,812,248.18
Other Bonds and Securities	114,421,384.58
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	6,082,800.00
Loans and Discounts	1,012,741,455.87
Accrued Interest and Accounts Receivable	17,246,585.19
Bank Premises, Furniture, Fixtures, and Safe	25,533,282.53
Other Real Estate Owned	236,891.92
Customers' Liability on Account of Letters of Credit, Acceptances, and Endorsed Bills	26,234,950.15
Other Resources	212,218.77
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES</b>	<b>\$5,626,063,927.06</b>

LIABILITIES	
Capital:	
Common (8,000,000 Shares)	\$ 100,000,000.00
Preferred (404,278 Shares)	8,985,860.00
Surplus	98,500,000.00
Undivided Profits	20,855,495.48
Reserves	4,181,446.83
Preferred Stock Retirement Fund	162,053.85
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$220,584,555.74</b>
Reserve for Bad Debts	18,106,819.15
Demand	\$3,304,532,389.14
Deposits	5,339,307,098.44
Savings and Time	2,054,774,728.20
Liability for Letters of Credit and on Acceptance, Endorse, or Maker on Acceptances and Foreign Bills	16,816,878.57
Reserve for Interest Received in Advance	4,837,849.34
Reserve for Interest, Taxes, etc.	7,801,125.82
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$5,626,063,927.06</b>

\* Issued at \$20 (\$20 Capital—\$20 Surplus), Annual Dividend \$2. Preferred to receive 6% interest on issue price and accrued dividends. This statement includes the figures of the Los Angeles, Redondo, banking offices.

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## PAID PREMIUMS

It is estimated that the American armed forces have in the last three years paid over 40 million dollars in premiums on soldiers' civilian life insurance.

## FORMER RESIDENTS

Guests yesterday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Johnston were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Zelenka of Azusa and formerly of Torrance.

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